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SUBJECT: REPLY TO USSR ON BUNDESTAG PRESIDIUM MEETING IN
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1. WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIETS ON
PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS MEETINGS IN BERLIN WHICH
MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALLIED FLEXIBILITY PENDING ALLIED
AGREEMENT ON WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH
MEETINGS IN BERLIN ARE PERMISSIBLE UNDER QA.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SHARE USBER'S VIEW (REFTEL B)
THAT LATEST BONN GROUP DRAFT STILL LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT
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ALLIES ALREADY HAVE PROHIBITED PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF

ELDERS MEETINGS IN BERLIN. IN ADDITION, REFERENCE IN PARA B(REFTEL A) TO "ORGANS OF BUNDESTAG INCLUDING THOSE REFERRED TO IN YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION" IMPLIES THAT ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY GOES BEYOND THOSE BODIES SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED IN PARA II (2) AND IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEW THAT WHAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED IN QA IS PERMISSIBLE. WHILE OF LESSER IMPORTANCE, WE ALSO WOULD SUGGEST THAT CONCLUDING WORDS PARA B "PRIOR TO ITS DESPATCH" BE CHANGED TO "PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE QA" TO HIGHLIGHT TIME SEQUENCE MOST RELEVANT TO AN INTERPRE-

TATION OF THE QA.

3. WE ALSO AGREE WITH BONN GROUP CONCLUSION THAT CHIEF VALUE OF REPLY TO SOVIETS AT THIS LATE DATE IS TO INDICATE ALLIED DISAGREEMENT WITH SOVIET CONTENTIONS.

4. TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ABOVE CONSIDERATION, WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING MODIFIED TEXT:

WHILE NEITHER THE PRESIDIUM NOR COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG HAS HELD MEETINGS IN BERLIN IN RECENT MONTHS, MY AUTHORITIES WISH TO STATE CLEARLY THAT THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THE POSITION SET FORTH IN THE SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT OF JANUARY 2, 1974.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MY AUTHORITIES WOULD POINT TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS IN ANNEX II TO THE QA IN THE LIGHT OF THE CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ASSOCIATED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 FROM THE AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FRG WHICH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOVIET UNION PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. RUSH

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